#### PREPAREDNESS IS CRY LARGE FIRMS

Agitation Started, Tavenner Charges, by Congressman Gardner, Massachusetts.

MAKES MONEY FROM BUSINESS

His Relatives Also Stockholders in Concerns in War Trafficking Companies.

grossman Augustus P. Gardner of when he started the agitation, and that Jan 19, 1916, which is before the com- found them in the bakery shops to- ments, but that they wanted war, his relatives were and are now also mittee on rules and which I have never day:

ing the senate he did not mention any names as the rules of the house prohibit references of this kind to members of the other body, but he was rehas received war contracts from Europe approximating \$70,000,000.

Congressman Tavenner sought to ed big armament, but that he was seeking to have the United States become involved in the European war,

ufacture its own munitions, and con-

peace of the nation. Report No. 1170. Tavenner's state-

ment was in part as follows: Mr. Tavenner. If the committee is ner a couple of questions through the

Mr. Taylor. Inasmuch as Mr. Tavenner has been referred to here a number of times, I think he should be permitted to ask questions.

900 worth of contracts obtained by the States." General Electric company from the navy department, I would like to ask Mr. Gardner whether he knows approximately the amount of the contracts, or the value of contracts, obtained by the General Electric company from the Fore River Shipbuilding company, the Bethlehem Steel company, New York Shipping company and various other ship building companies as a result of the contracts received by those concerns from the navy department? I ask that for this reason: The government itself has in the past done very little in the way of building ships, but the ships, submarines, etc. are built by private concerns which purchase many of the supplies necessary for that purpose from the General Electric company. Mr. Gardner. I have no idea. I have

never looked into that Mr. Tavenner. I would like to ask Mr. Gardner how much stock he personally owned in the General Electric company in October, 1914?

Mr. Gardner. I think I owned 625 shares. I have not looked it up, but I can tell you what I owned on Dec. 31. (Note.-This stock is now held at \$140 Mr. Tavenner. That is near enough.

I wanted to know approximately how much you had at about that date.

#### Produces Telegram.

here what purports to be a telegram Steel Co., and the Harvey Steel Co. signed by you and printed in the New Clement A. Griscom, who was a part not purport to be an interview, but ap- teriee, brother-in-law of J. P. Morgan;

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pears to be a telegram signed by you

as follows: Hamilton, Mass., Aug. 20.-If Wil son takes a bold stand, the country will take a bold stand, even if it means If Wilson wabbles, the country will wabble. If I were Wilson, I should send Count Bernstorff home at once and call congress together with the With Introduction of the Dime Loaf of recommendation that war be declared against Germany. I hope that the president will not write any more "A. P. GARDNER, Member of the House of Representa-

Mr. Gardner. That is absolutely cor

rect; I take pleasure in verifying it. Mr. Towner. To whom was it di-

Mr. Gardner. I presume it was in reply to some press inquiry.

Mr. Tavenner. Mr. Chairman and Tavenner made his statement in the would have shown who was chiefly re- Ten-cent pies ..... presence of Mr. Gardner himself. The sponsible for the present reign of precongressman declared that paredness propagands. I have made

gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. ferring to United States Senator Henry Gardner, and my only interest is to see crease in price of cakes as well. Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, the fa- the facts stated as they are. I will be ther-in-law of Congressman Gardner, entirely satisfied, and I think Mr. Call- change in prices was absolutely nec- credits? Senator Lodge had stated under oath away will be, if it appears in the Con-lessary. But the price on bread has not before the lobby investigating commit- gressional Record that Mr. Gardner, advanced, they say. Although the jit. go to a reasonable extent in applying tee of the senate that he was a stock- when he started this so-called "preholder in the General Electric com- paredness" agitation in October, 1914, to receive the same value in the 10- stock in a war-trafficking concern, I pany. This concern, according to a was a stockholder in the General Elec- cent loaf. The nickel loaf weighed 12 would say "No," but when you own statement made on the floor of the tric company, that his wife was a ounces. senate by Senator Cummins of Iowa, stockholder in the General Electric ounces. The weight of the dime bread prove that Mr. Gardner not only want- cern. These are facts, I understand, cope with the advance in the price of undisputed by Mr. Gardner. The rea- flour. son I consider this important is that Mr. Gardner, I believe, more than any The Illinois congressman took an in- other member of the house is responsi- the four cities, today pointed to the terest in this matter because he is ble for the starting of the widespread advance in price of materials which seeking to have the government man- agitation for excessive preparedness. I go into the making of bread, pies and want the record to show for all time cookies, as responsible for the in tended that the private ownership of that Mr. Gardner did own this stock crease the consumer must pay. the munitions industry by Wall street when he started this propaganda for capitalists is a constant menace to the increased army and navy expenditures. tablished 50 years ago," Mr. Quinlan It tends to substantiate my statement Tavenner's statement before the that war-trafficking firms and stock- materials we used? Flour sold at \$3 a committee has just become public holders of war-trafficking firms started barrel. Now it is \$8.60 and \$9. Eggs property through the printing of the the so-called "preparedness" propa- were five or six cents a dozen. Now official hearings as House Document ganda. I do not challenge the motive they are 35 cents. Lard was six cents of Mr. Gardner individually, and I have a pound. Now it is 15 cents. Labor to the facts so that the public may milk have soured from 100 to 200 per consider them and reach its own con-

> I have here a copy of the Navy League Journal, and I desire to direct

> > Are Named Founders.

publication? Mr. Tavenner. February, 1904. This was at a time when no one had ever attacked those behind this militaristic propaganda and they were a little careless in stating who was financing On turning to page 32 1 find that this official journal of the Navy League publishes these names under the head of "Founders"-I do not say that these men were the founders, but I say that the official organ of the Navy League itself represents them as the "foundof the Navy League.

Herbert L. Satterlee, J. W. Miller, J. John J. Astor, who was a fellow di-Pierpont Morgan, Benjamin F. Tracy, rector of J. P. Morgan on a number of Seth Low, Clement A. Griscom, Thomas Lowry, Timothy L. Woodruff, Midvale | Thompson of the International Nickel Steel Co., Anson Phelps Stokes, George Co. (the Nickel Trust); and S. S. Pal-Westinghouse, R. S. Sloan, John J. Astor, R. M. Thompson, Charles M. Schwab, John J. McCook, Harry Payne Whitney, George B. Satterlee, S. S.

Of these 19 men, 14 are either war traffickers, stockholders in war-trafficking firms, or else they sat on boards of directors with men who were wartraffickers. For instance, here is J. Plerpont Morgan; the Midvale Steel Co.; Charles M. Schwab, who is now the president of the Bethlehem Steel Co. Then here is Benjamin F. Tracy, Now one other question: I have who was counsel for the Carnegie York World on Aug. 21, 1915. It does ner of Mr. Morgan's; Herbert L. Sat-

#### PIES, ROLLS AND **COOKIES ADVANCE**

Bread, Other Bakery Goods Increase in Price.

ASCEND 20 TO 25 PER CENT

Cakes Will Also Cost More in Short Time in Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Silvis.

gentlemen of the committee, if I had consumers in Rock Island county to- declared against Germany been present at the time Mr. Rogers day, ten-cent bread, made its debut,

stockholders, was the somewhat start- been able to get reported out of com- Bread (24 ounces) .......... 10 cents Gardner acknowledges 

itaristic movement were stockholders present preparedness propaganda were held in Moline tomorrow night, at thousands of American homes. in war trafficking firms. As concern- munition makers or men who when which time it is said that the questhey started their agitation were stock- tion of increase in price of cakes will a question? be the topic of consideration. With I have no personal quarrel with the pastries and cookies already advanced indications point to an in-

> ney loaf has disappeared, patrons are The 10-cent loaf weighed 24 | company, and that his daughter was a will not be changed and through restockholder in the General Electric ducing the amount of labor by making company. This is a war-trading con- only dime loaves the bakers hope to

> > John Quinlan of Rock Island, president of the association of bakers of

"Prices charged in the past were essaid. "What were prices then for the never challenged the motives of the was \$7 a week and board. Now it is cent over what they cost then.

Gets Same Value,

mould a 10-cent loaf as fast as he His identity is not known. There is the saving in labor. The reduction in amount of labor will not necessarily mean a reduction in the number of bakers employed, but the machine work will be

down somewhat." Eight-cent rolls advance 25 per cent to 10 cents today. Ten-cent rolls advanced 20 per cent to 12 cents. Twelveent loaves increased 25 per cent to cents. Pies go up 20 per cent from 10 cents to 12 cents. Cookies which formerly sold for a dime a dozen went to a retail price of a penny apiece.

mer, president of the Harvey Steel Co. I say that any one of these instances might not be important in itself, but when you take all of them and behold that 14 out of the 19 are men who were firms, stockholders in them, or fellow directors of men who were, and then you add to that the further fact that both in the house and senate of the United States the individual in each preparedness propaganda was also a kholder in war-trafficking firms taking that whole chain of circumstances, it is something for intelligent men to consider. Maybe I am entirely wrong, but I consider this series of coincidences is at least remarkable American people

gress who owns stock in a war-traffick- mit ing firm, or whose wife owns stock in a war-trafficking firm, or whose daughfirm, should not be permitted to take make their defense part in the debates on these great preparedness bills, which mean increased profits for war-trading firms, or to vote on them. If one of us was being examined as a prospective juryman in suit involving a street railway company and while being examined should state that either our uncle, or our father or our cousin was a stockholder. we would premptly be excused. It is conceded by the legal fraternity every where that a person having a financial interest in a suit is disqualified to six

If it is improper for a man owning stock in a street railway company to sit as a juror whose only duty is to construe the application of the law, how much more improper is it for a man financially interested to actually make the law, or have a hand in the making of it? The welfare of the republic is equally as sacred as the wel-

fare of a street railway company. The defense of a nation is or should be the most sacred and important duty that legislators have to perform. There should be no room even for suspicion that a member of congress might profit financially from legislation having to dd with the safety of the nation. The problem of adequate defense can best be solved in the interest of the republic if it is left wholly in the hands of legislators who have no investments at stake and who would therefore be beyond the possibility of being unconsciously influenced in favor of the particular "preparedness" program that might yield the largest

A member of congress who owns, holds, or controls, directly or indirectly, or whose immediate relatives own, hold, or control, directly or indirectly, stock or bonds in any concern or concerns engaged in the manufac-

prevented by law from taking any part in debates on the so-called "preparedness" appropriation bills or from voting

Can't Prove Motives.

So far as this particular matter is concerned, I am satisfied personally ti the facts relative to Mr. Gardner's ownership of stock appear in the record. You can not prove a man's motives. But let the facts stand recorded. I inquired of Mr. Gardner a few mo-

ments ago whether a statement which HOLDS PEOPLE WANT LIGHT purported to be a telegram sent by him to the New York World on Aug 20, 1915, was accurate and official. He replied that it was. In that statement Mr. Gardner said that if he had been president of the United States he would have called "congress together The jitney loaf bid its adieu to the with the recommendation that war be

I stated repeatedly along about that offered the resolution under which this and prices on all other bakery goods time, although I did not then know of hearing is being held, I should have with the exception of cakes advanced this telegram, that those who were a stockholder in one of the largest war offcred as a substitute therefor H. J. from 20 to 25 per cent. Here's the new leading the agitation for "preparedtrafficking firms in the United States Res. No. 112, which I introduced on order of prices as the housewives ness" not only wanted great arma-

I consider that the telegram Mr. ling information brought out before a mittee. Such an investigation as this Eight-cent rolls ............ 10 cents proof of my statement, because he him-12 cents with crape hanging on the door of can equal her in debate. She has An advance in the prices of cakes nearly every home in Europe, Mr. will come shortly. A meeting of the Gardner, if he had been presider .. the particular members in both the the statement on the floor of the house Bakers' association of Rock Island, would have had this nation in war, and and Charles E. Merriam. house and senate who started the mil- that those chiefly responsible for the Moline, East Moline and Silvis will be crape would today be on the doors of

Mr. Raker. Yes.

The master bakers declare that a affect a rural community, like rural Hughes to popular juries.

Mr. Tavenner. Yes; I would only stock in a woolen mill I think it would be far-fetched to say you should not vote on a "preparedness" appropriation bill. I would have it apply particularly to munitions firms.

Mr. Towner, Mr. Gardner, do you desire to make any further statement? Mr. Gardner, No.

adjourn, to reconvene at the call of the

(The special committee thereupon

#### HURT AS MACHINES COLLIDE AT CORNER

Seventeenth street. Tyrus was rid- is a protest. ing in the front seat and the impact of "Your responsibility is enormous, "We have been entirely fair in the the collision threw him forward it is coextensive with your great inthe attention of the committee to the matter. The consumer is not paying against the wind shield of his car. The fluence. A leader of men with rare Mr. Raker. You may proceed, Mr. I fact that on the first page appears the more for value received in bread now glass broke. The driver of the other gifts and high ideals, consecrated and statement that this is "the official or- than he did before. He gets a 24- car did not wait to determine the ex- devoted, your judgment will be ac-Mr. Tavenner. Relative to the \$2,500 - gan of the Navy League of the United ounce loaf of bread for a dime, the tent of the injuries to Tyrus, but cepted and you will be followed but same as he did before. A baker can started away at a high rate of speed, since you recommend to us that we

#### WILLIAM M'ENIRY IS TO BE OPERATED ON

William McEniry will be operated on tomorrow at the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minn. He had been ailing during the summer and while at New Orleans a week ago, his condition became worse and he left at once for Rochester. In addition to his wife party of 1916 was in somewise differthere is with him, his daughter, Miss Bessie McEniry, his brother, John Mc-Enlry, and sister, Miss Molly McEniry, the last two named being from Moline.

#### Special Assessment Notice. Gen. No. 413.

sons interested, that the city council dices, hat a 10-inch watermain be constructed on Seventeenth street from the center line of Twenty-first avenue to a either at the head of war-trafficking point 300 feet south of Twenty-fifth avenue, and the ordinance for the the people same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, and said city having applied to the county court of question to be resolved and the ar-Rock Island, Ill., for an assessment of rangements to be made through our house who started the present reign of the cost of said improvement according to benefits, said assessment being to be held during this campaign, it in five installments, each bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, and an assessment therefore having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the third day enough to bring to the attention of the of October, A. D., 1916, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter I contend that any member of con- as the business of the court will per

All persons desiring may file objections in said court, before said day, ter owns stock in a war-trafficking and may appear on the hearing and Dated Rock Island. Ill., Sept. 18,

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# ROBINS IN DEBATE

Former Illinois Progressive Leader Issues Challenge to Old Progressive Co-Worker.

Can't Understand How Roosevelt Supporter Can Consistently Join for Election of Hughes.

New York, Sept. 18. Raymond Robins, chalrman of the progressive national convention of 1916, now a member of Mr. Hughes' campaign committee, was challenged today to a ser ies of joint debates by his former co worker in the progressive cause, Mrs. Antionette Funk, of Chicago. challenge is one that Mr. Robins cannot well ignore, nor can the republican campaign managers. Mrs. Funk been pitted with Mr. Robins in public arguments against Jane Addams

Mrs. Funk became last week a member of the associate committee of Mr. Gardner, May I ask Mr. Tavenner progressives cooperating with the democratic national campaign committee. She puts her challenge to Mr. Gardner. Do you think that a Mr. Robins on the high ground of pubman who owns a farm has any right lie service, asking that her former to vote on any of the questions which associate submit the case of Wilson vs.

Mrs. Funk's letter, delivered today to Mr. Robins, follows:

"Dear Mr. Robins: Four years ago you and I were among the millions of American men and women who believed the dawn of a new political day had come. We called ourselves progressives and we founded a new party and named it progressive. That party is alive in the determination of its adherents that it shall not die and no one who was really a part of it can ever subscribe to another political creed that is not in some manner akin to it. Mr. Towner. Then I move that we The bonds that were created then cannot be broken; we who were really progressives in 1912 are progressives now in 1916. The spirit has not changed-only the outward covering. the matter of name, of association or of circumstance.

New Scene Disclosed.

"So I am writing you from the vantage point of our common faith. You, William Tyrus of Cedar Rapids was a hereditary democrat, after anxious severely cut about the head, but other care and thought, have thrown your occupants of both cars escaped injury lot with the republican party and in a head-on collision at Seventeenth have advised the people of this country street and Seventh avenue Saturday that progressives should follow Mr members of the navy league individ- \$18 to \$25 a week. Spices have gone night. The car which struck Tyrus' Hughes, the candidate selected solely willing. I would like to ask Mr. Gard- ually. I have simply called attention up. Raisins, currants, oils, butter and machine was turning the corner north by the men who compose that invisible into Seventeenth street and the Cedar government against whose insidious Rapids car was traveling south on operations the progressive party itself

come into the republican fold, much water has flowed under the bridge, the curtain has been rung up disclosing new scene.

"In 1912, endorsing the progressive party with my whole heart. I left be hind me a tradition of middle western and New England republicanism and when the end came in the Auditorium last June I followed Theodore Roosevelt to the door of the republican camp with faith that the republican ent from the republican party of 1912 that he and you and I condemned and I waited for a sign that would point the new way. It did not come, but events momentous in their import transpire and inclinations and traditions and Notice is hereby given to all per- against my associations and prejuof Rock Island, Ill., having ordered myself to admit that Woodrow Wilson, greater than his party, a leader of his party, had in large measure kept for the progressives their contract

> "I am inviting you now, Mr. Robins, to join me in a series of debates, the respective committees; such debates being understood that the resolution of the question shall comprehend all matters properly at issue in the minds of progressives seeking their political filiations for 1916.

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gressive people hold the casting vote no one can predict it with certainty; no one can deliver it, but it will be thoughtful vote; it will be weighed and measured and it is reasonable to suppose that progressives will be glad to listen to those who went about four years ago preaching their gospel

"Many of our friends, particularly in our home state, are asking for pre- of exercise, improper eating and livsentation of the case-in particular a ing demands stimulation to satisfy the discussion of the eight-hour law. Your close and confidential relations with the refreshing sleep essential to those who toll make it imperative that they clearly understand your view, your objection, and it is equally im perative that the proponents of that measure be heard also.

"You will agree with me that this day will put a man on his feet before thoughtful element to which we have he knows it; whether his trouble the honor to belong will welcome a de- comes from uric acid poisoning, the bate, discussion tending to throw light kidneys, gravel or stone in the bladon their task of delivering judgment der, stomach derangement or other at the polls next fall.

"And so I send you this, my friend-You and I have dely challenge. bated side by side to the same end and to the same purpose. Now that the parting of the ways has come, let | fund your money if they do not help us in that same sense of service which you. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per box. Accharacterizes all progressives, submit cept no substitutes. Look for the name our respective viewpoints to a jury of GOLD MEDAL on every box. They our fellows.

Yours most sincerely. (MRS.) ANTIONETTE FUNK."

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